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mercantile marine was sentenced to two  
years' imprisonment for a series of robberies.  
The accused was Herman Witzler, second  
officer of the steamer Molde, and related in  
Court the evidence showed that he had  
practised thieving in the most systematic  
manner for the last year. Dr. Ney and four  
Assessors heard the case.

It was shown that the accused, who was  
arrested on November 1st, had on three  
occasions opened the German mail-bags  
which the Molde was carrying between  
Shanghai and Hankow. As second officer of  
the ship Witzler had charge of the mails,  
and on the first occasion he had opened two  
letters addressed to the Russo-Chinese  
Bank in Peking, abstracting \$583 from one  
of these and \$420 from the other. He  
had then inserted pieces of newspaper and  
returned them to the mail-bag. When the  
letters arrived at their destination the theft  
was discovered, but until the arrest of  
Witzler had opened one of the mail-bags and  
punctured a kodak and other photo-  
graphic apparatus, while a third case  
occurred when he stole a pair of gold  
sleeve-links. His method had evidently  
been to heat a knife, cut off the seals, and  
after abstracting the contents of the parcel  
he had affixed the sealing wax once more.

In addition to the thefts from the mail-  
bags three other charges were laid against  
Witzler. One of these was that while a  
passenger aboard the N.D.L. steamer  
Goeben he had stolen a pair of field-glasses  
belonging to Det. Sarg. Bauer of the  
Municipal Police. The second was the  
theft of a silver cigarette case from a pas-  
senger on board the Molde, and the third was  
the appropriation to his own use of a Win-  
chester carbine and revolver which had  
been put in his possession while on the  
Molde.

After hearing the evidence the Court  
found Witzler guilty and passed sentences  
amounting in all to two years' imprisonment.  
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## OUR CORRESPONDENT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, December 1.

The arrival in this country of Prince

Tai Hsun, Admiral Bah, and other Far

Eastern notables, shifts the centre of

Chinese naval interest from Peking to

London. For nearly two years the leading

shipbuilding firms of the world have main-

tained special representatives in the Chi-

nese capital in the fear that the Imperial

Government might suddenly make up its

mind about the naval reorganisation which

has been in the air for so long. But,

as the sending abroad of this Commission

goes to show, the Chinese are in no

hurry to decide the matter. Admiral

Sah has made some redispersions of

the existing naval forces, but the larger

measures of reform have been deferred

until the naval administration of Europe

and America have been studied, on the

spot. The British Admiralty are doing

everything they can to assist the Com-

missioners, and when the party has visited

one or two of the royal dockyards, it will

proceed to the North to inspect several of

the contract yards. The Prince and his

colleagues are being made a lot of be-  
cause the majority of the people they met in

China are now back in London. Americans

and Germans are also in evidence, although

they have not come specially to meet the

Chinese visitors. They are here about the

contracts for the Argentine armoured ships

for which I understand the Americans are

making a particularly strong bid.

After all, King Manoel is not so hasty

an English Princess, according to the latest

Court news. But, during his visit to Eng-

land he has won golden opinions from all

persons who made his acquaintance. Some

of them have described him to me as

genuinely a very nice young fellow, with-

out an ounce of side, unassuming, good-

natured and amiable. In certain quarters

there is a disposition to criticise the mar-

ried aspirations of King Manoel. It is

altered that to share the Portuguese throne

would be an anxious and dangerous business,

while its stability is regarded as open to

question. For a Princess of the British

Royal house it is roundly stated that

de lightful boy as he undoubtedly is, King

Manoel is no great catch.

I learn from an official source that, as a

consequence of his recent visits to London,

Paris and Rome, M. Milovanovich, the

Serbian Minister for Foreign Affairs, has

addressed to the British, French and Italian

Governments a note which, it is thought,

may have an important influence upon the

immediate future of the situation in the

Balkans. Until a few weeks ago the several

Great Powers were quite averse from giving

courtenance to the raising of money by

Serbia, but it is now highly probable, owing

to explanations which M. Milovanovich

has been able to furnish, that a loan of

from eight to ten million pounds may be

arranged, part for internal development,

and the residue for the better equipment

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Beef, whole, prime cut—Moi Kung	10.50
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Almonds—Hong Kong	10.00
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Artichokes—Shanghai	10.00
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Chickens—Kai Chai	10.00
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## Shipping.

## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

## MARSEILLES &amp; LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

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THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamers	Leave	Connecting Steamer	Due	Due
to	Hongkong	from Colombo to	(Brindisi)	(London)
Colombo:		Marseilles & London	1 day earlier	1 day later
Steamer	Leave	Steamer	Due	Due
ARCADIA	Feb. 19	MANTUA	March 6	March 11
DELTA	March 6	CHINA	March 19	March 26
MACEDONIA	March 19	MALWA	April 9	April 16
DEVANARA	April 9	(Through steamer)	April 16	April 23
ARABIA	April 16	(calling at Bombay)	April 30	May 6
DELTA	April 30	MOROGOLA	May 14	May 20
DELTA	May 14	MOROGOLA	May 28	June 3
DELTA	May 28	MOROGOLA	June 12	June 18

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Bombay transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said. Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at time of booking.

FARES TO LONDON (including Surtax):

1st Saloon.....£71.10 Single, £106.14 Return.

2nd ".....£48.8 " £72.12 "

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transit) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

## LONDON.

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave Hongkong	Due London
	about	about
* SYRIA	January 28	March 12
* SUMATRA	February 5	March 19
* NANGA	February 23	March 26
* FUNDA	March 23	April 7
* MALTA	April 30	June 1
* RAEDINA	May 4	June 18
* NORE	May 18	July 2



## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notices are issued from the Hongkong Observatory.

On the 30th at 12.15 p.m.—The barometer has risen moderately at Wai-wai-wei and in N.E. Japan, and fallen moderately elsewhere.

The depression lying to the North of Japan yesterday, has moved away over the Pacific. The other depression remains over the Yangtze valley.

Pressure is highest over the Pacific to the S.W. of Japan.

Light variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate to light monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow—

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: E. winds, moderate or light; fair at first, probably some rain later.

2.—Formosa Channel: Variable winds, light.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

## To-day's Advertisements

**TO LET.**

A BRIGHT AIRY ROOM suitable for Office. Entry under arrangement. Enquire at Chinese Central I.M.C.A. Hongkong, December 30, 1909. 1618

## FINEST OREGON APPLES

30 cents per lb.

H. RUTTONJEE & SON,  
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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.  
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STEAM FOR  
HANGHAI, TSINGTAI, NAGASAKI,  
Kobe and YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship  
DERFLINGER,  
Captain G. MANNING, will leave for the  
above places TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),  
the 31st inst., at 9 a.m.

For further particulars, apply to  
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THE Steamship  
PRINZ SIGISMUND,  
Captain D. KERR, will leave for the  
above places TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),  
the 31st inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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Hongkong, December 30, 1909. 1619

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 30, 1909.		
On London—		
Bank Wire—	100	100
On demand—	100	100
On 30 days sight—	100	100
On 60 days sight—	100	100
On 4 months' sight—	100	100
Credits, & months' sight—	100	100
Documentary, & months' sight 1/10		
On Paris—		
On demand—	100	226 1/2
On 4 months' sight—	100	230
On Berlin—		
On demand—	100	183 1/2
On New York—		
On demand—	100	45 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight—	100	45
On Bombay—		
Wire—	100	133 1/2
On demand—	100	133 1/2
On Calcutta—		
Wire—	100	133 1/2
On demand—	100	133 1/2
On Singapore—		
On demand—	100	76 1/2
On Manila—		
On demand—	100	82 1/2
On Shanghai—		
On demand—	100	75
On 30 days sight, (private paper) 7 1/2		
On Yokohama—		
On demand—	100	88
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael) \$37.90		
Sovereigns (Banks' buying rate) \$117.10		
Silver (per 1000) \$24 1/2		
Chinese Copper Cash—	100	4 1/2 p
Copper Cash—	100	252 1/2 p
Rate of Native Interest—	100	4 1/2 p
Hongkong Sub. Coin—	100	7 1/2 p
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